ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

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KEY POINTS

- Prime Minister Trudeau has invoked the Emergencies Act.[1]
- The Emerson (MB) and Coutts (AB) Port of Entry (POE) to the United States remain closed. The following POE's have reopened: Pacific Highway (BC), Ambassador Bridge (ON), and Peace Bridge (ON).

EMERGENCIES ACT

- The Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has invoked the Emergencies Act for a duration of 30 days.
- This Act includes measures such as strengthening the ability to impose fines or imprisonment, and allows the government to secure and protect critical infrastructure, including border crossings and airports.[2] The RCMP will have the ability to enforce municipal bylaws and provincial offences where required.[3]
- Under the Emergencies Act, crowdfunding platforms and payment service providers used in relation to the Freedom Convoy must register with the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), the national financial intelligence agency. [4]
- Further implications will follow. The Act can be found here https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/E-4.5.pdf

FREEDOM CONVOY FUNDING

- Supporters raised $10 million via the crowdfunding platform GoFundMe. Administrators for GoFundMe decided to stop payments to convoy organizers, and refund donors directly citing the protest violated its rules on violence and harassment.[5]
- GiveSendGo quickly became the prime crowdfunding platform as a result of GoFundMe's decision and on 2022-02-14, GiveSendGo was hacked and subsequently shut down. Approximately 92,844 donor names were released online.[6] Based on donation data, approximately 56% of donations were derived from the United States ($3.62 million), whereas 29% of donations were from Canada ($4.31 million).[7]
- GiveSendGo has allegedly hosted fundraising campaigns for various groups including QAnon influencers, Proud Boys, and families of those arrested during the Capitol Riots in DC.[8]
- Cryptocurrency (Bitcoin) is also being raised by supporters via the domain *tallyco.in*. Approximately 21 bitcoin (equivalent to $1.175 million funds on 2022-02-13) have been raised as of 2022-02-13.[9] As there is no centralized authority to administer funds, 100% of the funds raised go directly to the individual(s) linked to the campaign.[10] Only moniker, Nobody Caribou, and one of the truckers are privy to whom holds the cryptocurrency keys that accesses the funds.[11]

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E DIVISION

Arrests	10[12]
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	25 Federal resources to assist POJ[13]
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

Pacific Highway Border

- The Pacific Highway POE has reopened; however police are diverting traffic to alternate POEs. [14] [15] [16] A convoy is departing from CN Centre, Prince George at 0800hrs, through Quesnel at 1000hrs, to Williams Lake at 1200hrs, to 100 Mile House at 1330hrs, then Cache Creek at 1500hrs, to Kamloops at 1600hrs and end at the Pacific Border at approximately 2000hrs.[17]

Lower Mainland

- On 2022-02-14 at 2000hrs, the RCMP started clearing the obstructions at 176 Ave to open the border to truck traffic.[18] All vehicles were moved and 10 individuals were arrested. [19]

Victoria

- The demonstration at the Legislative Assembly of BC ongoing.[20]

K DIVISION

Arrests	13
Active investigations	2
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

- RCMP have arrested an additional 2 individuals for a total of 13 arrests in relation to the 2022-02-14 enforcement activity where there was a seizure of a number of firearms long guns, handguns, multiple sets of body armour, a machete, a large quantity of ammunition and high capacity magazines.[21]

POE

- The Coutts POE is closed until the morning of 2022-02-15. The remaining convoy indicated they would leave by 0900hrs on 2022-02-15. If they do not depart, the RCMP will begin enforcement activity.[22]

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F DIVISION

Arrests	0[23]
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

- Information suggests a demonstration is planned at the North Portal POE beginning 2022-02-19. [24]
- F Division Tactical Support Group and Division Liaison Team (DLT) have been activated to attend during the planned protest days. Additional General Duty resources are being organized to attend.[25]

D DIVISION

Arrests	Information to come
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

POE's

- The Emerson POE remains closed. All other POEs within Manitoba remain open with no demonstration activity. [26]
- The DLT continue efforts to meet with Emerson convoy representatives. [27]
- Free movement of all livestock transport, CBSA employees, emergency services vehicles and residential traffic from the town of Emerson continues. [28]
- D Division Criminal Operations and Manitoba East District plan to initiate staged efforts toward a take-down of the blockade as early as 2022-02-15 should the blockades remain.[29]

Winnipeg

- The demonstration at the Manitoba Legislature is ongoing. Organizers at this location have made an announcement on demobilizing after the Premier has committed to easing some of the restrictions. [30]

NATIONAL DIVISION

Arrests	Information to come
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Up to 250 members deployed to support Ottawa Police Service.

- OPS estimate that there are 505 trucks in the downtown core. [31]

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- A large line of trucks are idling in front of the National War Museum. No incidents reported. [32]
- The current status of the interprovincial bridges remains as follows:
    - Macdonald-Cartier Bridge is open
    - Alexandra Bridge is closed but southbound lanes are open from 0600-1000hrs on weekdays
    - Portage Bridge southbound is closed (except for essential workers) while northbound is open but all corridors leading to it are closed
    - Chaudière Bridge is open (construction was cancelled)
    - Champlain Bridge is open

- Reports indicate that Ottawa may see an increase in convoy supporter numbers coming from other locations.[33]
- A live Facebook video was located of the HUG A TRUCKER PRESS CONFERENCE on 2022-02-14 at 1911hrs, which included statements made by Personal . In the video, Pers informs the convoy supporters to not move or go anywhere. Pers states that support from the South will be arriving in Coutts, AB and told supporters "not to leave".[34]
- Convoy leaders have begun to act on their commitment to move several trucks from the residential area to Wellington.[35]
- Road blockades are causing important delays in transportation on bridges at the Ontario-Quebec border.[36]

O DIVISION

Arrests	32 (Ambassador Bridge)[37]
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Total of 165[38]: • 50 deployed to Windsor[39] • O Division Tactical Services' Group (TSG) and Emergency Response Team (ERT) deployed to Windsor (numbers unknown)
Resources deployed outside Division	• Information to come

- A social media user posted a list that seems to contain a list of Government officials. The user also created a post with the names and faces of police officers. [40]

Niagara (Peace Bridge)

- The Bridge remains open and the OPP have reopened the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) near the Peace Bridge.[41]

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Blue Water Bridge

- The convoy on highway 402 is still blocking the westbound lanes about 35 km from the bridge. Traffic is being rerouted around the blockade.[42]

C DIVISION

Arrests	0[43]
Active investigations	0
Resources reallocated within Division	Details not specified
Resources deployed outside Division	119

- Information suggests that the Quebec Legislature and the Lacolle POE will be the next demonstration sites starting 2022-02-19.[44]

J DIVISION

Arrests	2
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	0 Resources preparing to deploy to Ottawa. [45]

- Demonstration activity continues to occur in Fredericton outside of the New Brunswick Legislature. No incidents reported.[46]

L DIVISION

Arrests	0[47]
Active investigations	0
Resources reallocated within Division	0
Resources deployed outside Division	0 Resources preparing to deploy to Ottawa.

- Nothing to report at this time.

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B DIVISION

Arrests	0[48]
Active investigations	0[49]
Resources reallocated within Division	0[50]
Resources deployed outside Division	10 members to assist National Division.[51]

- A number of planned protests/demonstrations monitored on 2022-02-12 and 2022-02-13 were resolved. Similar events are now being planned for 2022-02-19.[52]
- A Response Plan is in place should any protest disrupt the Marine Atlantic Ferry in Port-aux-Basque or the Trans Canada Highway (TCH). [53]

H DIVISION

Arrests	0[54]
Active investigations	1[55]
Resources reallocated within Division	Details not specified[56]
Resources deployed outside Division	0 Resources preparing to deploy to Ottawa. [57]

- The Nova Scotia Legislature will remain closed to visitors 2022-02-15.[58]

G DIVISION

Arrests	0[59]
Active investigations	0[60]
Resources reallocated within Division	0[61]
Resources deployed outside Division	0[62]

- Monitoring the Northwest Territories and Alberta border. No incidents reported.[63]

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